TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$5,702,-775; balances, \$1.087,885. Local discount rates were firm, between 5 and 6 per cent. Dowere firm, between a and a per cent.

mestic exchange was quoted as follows:

New York, 30c discount bid, 20c discount
asked; Chicago, 10c discount bid, par
asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, lee discount bid, par asked.

Wheat closed steady at 69%c bid; July. No. 2 mixed outs closed at 36%c; July, buggie,

The local market for spot cotton was quiet and unchanged.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN, P. H. Hullinger was found dead in Forest Park from a self-indicted bullet wound. Employes of the Scarritt-Comstock fur-niture Company admit stealing furniture

from the warehouse, The contracts for building lagoons at the World's Fair were awarded.

Councilmen oppose license tax in milk bill. Measure to be taken up to-day. Delegates teturning from the Republican Judicial Convention at Joplin express dis-satisfaction on action of leaders.

The Health Department is preparing to exterminate the mosquito pest, as a santiry measure, by sprinkling stagmant ponds

Angle Areta, suspected of attempting to rob the St. Louis Union Trust Company, successfully tested Chief Desmond's memory for faces by relusing to give his name. A reunion of the Bauer family, in Ma-plewood, was attended by four generations. A flag was raised over the Ashley vaca-

Formal opening of the St. Louis Altenheim takes place Sunday. News of society

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The Mu ogee State Bank of Muscogee, I. T., will not use its charter, recently se-

The appointment of a negro to be guard at the Federal juil at Vinita, I. T., has so incensed Republicans that many have vowed their intention of quitting the

The Creek Council will meet to-day at Okmulgee for consideration of the sup-plemental Creek agreement. Chief Pleasant Porter's message will urge the ratification Near Rutland, in Boone County, Charles Lewis, a farmer, saw his three children

fall in a creek, but was able to save only Temple, Tex., will have a Carnegie li-

brary, to cost \$10,000. Governor Dockery points out the incon-sistencies of the Republican party as manifested at the Joplin Convention, which adopted the same method of nominating candidates that was so bitterly condemned in the Democratic party. He also calls at-tention to the fact that two of the three Republican candidates for the Supreme bench voted for the issue of the alleged unconstitutional school certificates.

Congressman Shackleford has been notified that the Government will make a topographical survey of the Versailles quadrangle.

Reports from Southern Boone County are to the effect that the wheat crop is the best in many years, the yield being thirtytwo to forty-two burnels per acre, but the corn crop in the bottom lands is said to

farmers was disclosed by the accidental failure of one scheme, which was attempted near Mattoon. The swindlers fled pre-cipitately, leaving behind them their personal effects and paraphernalia, including written plans and descriptions of the wealthy farmers selected for victims.

The Illinois World's Fair Commission ild a meeting and considered plans for the State building.

The discovery of 5,000 stamps in the room of some Chicago prisoners may give a ciue to the recent \$74,000 robbery in the Post Office there.

called off, without waiting for agreements with the railroad companies. Merchants of that city have lost \$10,000,000 and much trade as a result of the strike. are still dublous ab nounced settlement of the July corn cor-

ner, and are inclined to look for fireworks in the September option later when the Gates crowd starts to unload its large stock George H. Clay of Neoga, Ill., has sued

a saloonkeeper of Mattoon, Ill., for \$5,000 for selling liquor to a minor. Joseph E. Schwab, a brother of the steel magnate, inspects East Side property with

party of Chicago and Philadelphia capital-

St. Louis Business Men's Picule. FOREIGN.

Harry DeWindt, who is traveling over-

land from Paris to New York, arrives at Dawson Offers of assistance in the rebuilding of

the Campanile at Venice have been received from America and other countries, but Venetians are inclined to undertake the entire burden themselves. WASHINGTON China asks the good offices of the United States to prevent the Powers from forcing

her to pay the Boxer indemnity in gold. The President has approved the recom mendation of the Court which investigated the official conduct of General Smith, who issued the "kill and burn" orders. General Smith has been retired from the active

SPORTING.

The first two rounds of match play in the amateur golf championship tourna ment at Glenview are played under bad weather conditions. Ralph McKittrick of St. Louis wins both his games.

Winners at Delmar yesterday were Crime, Lilian M., St. Cuthbert, W. B. Gates, El Carey and Federalist. The Jockey Club has decided to sustain

the English Jockey Club's sanction in ruling off Jockey Lester Reiff, and will not permit the latter to ride on any Metropoli-The newly appointed Chinese Minister to

the United States says that China is deeply grateful to the United States for recent od services.

Philadelphia made it three straight from the Cardinals by a score of 2 to 0. The Browns won again at Baltimore by a

Martin Duffy of Chicago will fight Philadelphla Tommy Ryan before the West End Club July 5. Anzella, Alice Russell and Reamer are

the winners at the Detroit Driving Club's barness races.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, July 16.—Arrived; Oceanic, from Liverpool. New York, July 16-Sailed: St. Paul,

Southampton: Teutonic, Liverpool; Lau-rentian, Giasgow. Southampton, July 16.—Sailed: Kronprinz Wilhelm, from Bremen, New York via Cher-

Cherbourg, July 16.-Sailed: Kronprinz Wilhelm, from Bremen and Southampton New York.

Lizard, July 16.—Passed: La Touraine, New York, for Havre. Southampton, July 16.—Arrived: Philadel-

phia, New York.
Queenstown, July 16.—Arrived: Saxonia Boston, for Liverpool (and proceeded).

CAN'T EAT!

Why? The stomach is weak, the appetite is gone and the bowels are constipated. Nothing will do you as much good as a dose of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters before each meal. It will strengthen the stomach, restore the appetite, revent Constipation and positively cure Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Malaria, Fever and Ague. Try a bottle and see for yourself. Don't accept a substitute.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

CHINA IS GRATEFUL TO UNITED STATES.

Expresses Warm Appreciation of Recent Services.

Especially Chosen for His American Education and Acquaintance-Will Visit Pekin Before Taking Up His Duties.

Paris, July 16.-Llang Chen Tung, the newly appointed Chinese Minister at Washington, who is now in Paris, with Prince Chen's Mission to King Edward's coronation, of which he was secretary, is delighted with his appointment. He said, in an interview to-day:

"I return to Washington with the greatest pleasure. I had many friends there and college mates who are now prominent men, and had a friendship of several years' standing with Secretary Hay, whom I warmly liked." As to the United States and their rela-

tions with China, he said; "You can assert emphatically that not only the Chinese Government, but the people of China are most grateful for America's fair dealing and for the friendly disposition shown through the recent difficultica and her late action in the Tien-Tsin question has still further increased China's gratitude.

"The United States will certainly receive as good treatment as any Power in the commercial and industrial development of the Chinese Empire.

"As an illustration of the imperial feeling toward the United States, you can say that when I returned to Pekin with the re-cent Chinese mission to Germany the Emperor and Dowager Empress expressed to me their gratitude for the good behavior of the American troops at Pekin and their appreciation of America's attitude gener-

"This mission returns to Pekin by way of the United States, sailing July 25 on board the Philadelphia, which we selected because she is an American vessel.

"I shall accompany the mission to Pekin, returning to Washington at the end of December or the beginning of 1903. I am going first to my home in Canton in or-der to take my two boys to the United States with me, as I desire them to receive an American education, which has been of great benefit to myself." Prince Chen Expresses Admiration.

Prince Chen, head of the coronation mis-on, entered the room during the conversation and said in Chinese, which Liang Chen Tung interpreted:
"I wish to say that I have great admiraion for newspaper men and for the United

A high member of the mission, referring to the adverse criticisms of the recent ap-pointments of Chinese diplomats, informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that these were not applicable to Liang Chen Tung, who was specially chosen on account of his American education and experience. He has held the important post of secretary to three of the last foreign missions and has just received a high deco-ration, the Blue Button. He already holds the brevet Red Button, which is a higher distinction at court, but the Blue Button carries with it higher privileges when the bearer isaves Pekin. The holder of a Blue Button, when visiting the Provinces, is accorded the honors and distinctions of

Viceroy or Governor. Lian Chen Tung has received many co gratulatory letters and cablegrams, one of the latter being from John W. Foster, the former United States Secretary of State, who, at the invitation of the Emperor of China, participated in the peace negotia-

MISS MATTIE BEAL WEDDED.

Secured Deed to Oklahoma Farm Before License Was Taken Out.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Wichita, Kas., July 16.-Mattle Beal, th Wichita, Kas., July 16.—Mattle Beal, the Wichita telephone girl, who drew second prize in the Okiahoma land lottery last fall, was to-night married to Charles W. Payne, a Chicago grocer salesman. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother and was private. Miss Beal's trousseau is said to have cost \$2,000, which is considered expensive in Western society. Miss Beal's farm is adjoining Lawton and is said to be worth \$50,000. Under the laws of the Interior Department she would have forfeited her farm by marriage had not the special commutation plan been adapted to her case. As it was she paid \$1,500 to the Land Office Department to-day before the license was procured, and thereby secured the deed. Miss Beal and her husband met during the wild times in the frontier town of Lawton.

STEELEY-HOUGHTON. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., July 16.—The marriage of Mr. Wallace Steeley, a commercial salesman, and Miss Grace Houghton, both of this city, which occurred to-night, was a prominent society event and many guests were present from other towns.

HAMMER-RENDLEMAN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Murphysboro, Ill., July 16.—Mr. Jacob Hammer of St. Louis and Miss Maie Ren-dleman of this city were married this aft-ernoon by the Reverend Mr. Tucker. WORTHINGTON-SCANLON.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Charles, Mc., July 16.—Miss Jennis Scanlan of St. Louis and Mr. John Worthington of Chicago were married by the Reverend Howard L. Davis at the Fifth Street Methodist Church at noon to-day.

HOWARD-McCUNE. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jonesburg, Mo., July 16.—Mr. Robert Howard, a business man of Wright City, Mo. and Miss Beatrice McCune, daughter of Mayor McCune of this city, were married at the bride's home in this city this afternoon. About 160 guests were present. HINKLEY-BROWN.

REFUBLIC SPECIAL.

Clarendon, Ark., July 16.—Miss Mamie Brown of this city and Mr. J. E. Hinkley of New Madrid, Mo., were married here this afternoon. They left immediately for New Madrid, where they will live. SCHULTZ-GRIFFIN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Butler, Mo., July 16.—Mr. G. L. Shul'z and Miss Lillian Griffin were married here DOUBLE WEDDING AT EVANSVILLE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, Ind., July 16.—A double wedding of Kentucky people took place this afternoon in the Lottle Hotel here. Mr. Samuel C. Abell wedded Miss Anna Warfield of Union County, Kentucky, and Mr. N. Taylor Dixon married Mrs. Mary E. Taylor of Henderson County, Kentucky. Both ceremonies were performed by the Reverend M. A. Parr, pastor of Trinity M. E. Chutch. Mr. Dixon is a prominent Democratic politician of Henderson County.

MINOR—NELSON.

MINOR-NELSON. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Tipton, Mo., July 16.-Mr. Mace L. Minor and Miss Lida V. Nelson were married here BOOTH-ELLIOTT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Hot Springs, Ark., July 16.—Dr. J. E. Booth, a prominent and wealthy physician of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Nancy Nash Elliott, also of Norfolk, were quietly married here to-night at the Wellington Hotel. The young people visited Hot Springs two years ago.

VICAR GENERAL WILLIAM CHOKA. Omaha, Neb., July 16.—Very Reverend William Choka. Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nebraska, died this afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital Father Choka has been in the diocese for seventeen years and was one of the best known priests in the West. He had charge of all the Bohemian churches in Nebraska. He came here from Chicago, where he had established and built St. Procopius Church and School at a cost of \$50,000.

CHINA WANTS TO PAY TAFT WILL PROCEED HER DEBT IN SILVER.

States to Relieve Her Financial Distress.

on Terms Demanded by Powers Utter Ruin Will Follow-For-

eign Commerce in Danger.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Wasnington, July 16.-Encouraged by the manner in which Secretary Hay swung the powers around to the United States' lenient, common-sense policy in the restoration of Tien-Tsin, the Chinese Government desires this Government to extend its good offices to prevent China from being compelled to pay the Boxer indemnity in gold. Wu Ting-fang rode to the State Department in his automobile to-day, and, after informing Secretary Hay that he had received official notification of his recall, presented a long cable from the Viceroys Liu

Kun Yib and Cang Chih Tung. It recited China's financial straits, which will result in ruination if forced to pay the will result in rumation it forced to pay the indemnity at the terms demanded by some of the Powers. Prominent in the com-munication is the significant statement that China's revenues are 80,000,000 their per year, of which 50,000,000 must each year be ap-pited on the national debt, leaving only 30,000,000 for administrative expenses.

Situation Summed Up. The message opens with the clearest ex-position of the attitude of the Powers yet made public. Here is the text: "The United States is willing to accept silver; Great Britain is willing to accept silver; Russin and France propose the collection of important duties in gold. It is also known that Japan has not taken any de-

cided position.

"Attempts to raise revenues from new sources on the part of the provincial authorities, in many instances, have created local disturbances. In case heavier taxes are imposed an uprising of the people will be the natural result. Since the various payments admit of no delay on the dates on which they severally fall due, money has to be taken from other funds in order to meet the pressing demand.

"It has already appeared to be beyond China's ability to make the payments, even in silver, in accordance with the treaty. The foreign Powers know full well the financial resources of China. When the indemnity question first came up for discussion the total amount was repeatedly recided position.

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duced. Commerce Would Suffer.

"To make indemnity payments in silver does not, even according to the present rate of gold, entail a great loss upon the foreign Powers, since such loss, if any, is divided among them. Moreover, when it is at once decided that the indemnity payments shall be made in silver, the price of gold will doubtless gradually become more equitable and the Powers, by exchanging silver for gold, will not suffer loss.
"If payments in gold are required, the price of gold will undoubtedly rise to 2 shillings to the tael. Now all merchants who import foreign goods into China have already suffered great losses. If the price of gold continues to rise the prices of foreign goods will have to rise with it. Owing the empty treasury of China and the poverty of the people, very few persons will be able to afford to buy foreign goods at their enhanced prices.

"Thus, to demand payment in gold only impairs the financial power of China without benefiting the financial condition of the foreign Governments in any way. Only a few bankers will reap all the advantages Commerce Would Suffer.

foreign Governments in any way. Only a few bankers will reap all the advantages and commerce at the same time will re-ceive a severe blow."

Mrs. Jennie June Crook Dies at Jackson, Tenn.

MRS. R. F. MAXWELL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Warrensburg, Mo., July 16.—Mrs. R. F. Maxwell, 45 years of age, of Montserrat, died last night of ptomaine poisoning. With the other members of her family, she ate some ice cream about two weeks ago, which proved to be poisoned. All became sick, but all recovered save the mother. DOCTOR HIRAM THOMAS BATHGATE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Richmond, Mo., July 16.—Doctor Hiram Thomas Bathgate of Chicago, professor of medicine and curator of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, died at the home of his father at Polo, a small town a few miles north of Richmond, this morning. He was 25 years old and was taken sick with typhoid fever while here to bury his wife, who died in Chicago on May 29.

ZELLIS PHIEBAUD. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Bloomington, Ill., July 16.—Supposedly financial reverses led Zellis Phiebaud, a widely known and prosperous farmer of Danvers, to commit suicide this morning. He swallowed parts green FRANK MCNAUGHT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Bloomington, Ill., July 15.—Frank McNaught, a well-known sporting character,
died at a hospital here to-day, aged 28.
He formerly resided in Philadelphia and
followed the races for many years, owning
at one time a valuable string of trotters. Of
late years he has lived a more retired life
in this city.

MISS MAUD GOODWIN. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Butler, Mo., July 16.-Miss Maud Good-win died here to-day. MRS. THOMAS M. PATTERSON.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Denver, Colo., July 16.—Mrs. Thomas M.
Patterson. wife of Senstor Patterson of
Colorado, died this evening of nervous
prostration.

H. W. MOORE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Palmyra, Mo., July 16.—H. W. Moore, a prominent business man and former County Clerk, died here to-day. J. C. CHISWELL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Marshall, Mo., July 16.—Died, J. C. Chis-well, 60 years old, father of Marvin Chis-well of St. Louis. MRS. EMMA PANNWITT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Nashville, Ill., July 16.—Mrs. Emma Matilda Pannwitt, wife of the Reverend Mr. Pannwitt, pastor of the German Methodist Episcopai Church. died at the parsonage yesterday after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the German Method. at Church to-day, conducted by Presiding Elder Mahle of Belleville. The remains were taken to Nokomis. Ill., for burial. She was 31 years of age. was 31 years of age. W. W. HECOX.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Eldon, Mo. July 16.—W. W. Hecox of Chicago, bookkeeper and cashier for the Republic Coal Company, was run over and instantly killed about 4 o'clock this after-noon by a locomotive on the Miller County Railroad. He was single and about 10 years of age. years of age.
JOSEPH MAUER. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Armstrong, Mo., July 16, "Uncle Joseph" Mauer died at his home this evening. He was 84 years old and one of the first ploneer settlers of this county.

TO THE PHILIPPINES.

New Minister, Liang Chen Tung, Desires Good Offices of United Further Negotiations Regarding Rapid Increase Causes Report of Friars' Lands Will Be Carried On in Manila.

If Forced to Pay Boxer Indemnity In Final Note to Vatican Governor | Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Asserts That He is Much Pleased With the Results

So Far Achieved.

Rome, July 16.-Governor Taft of the Philippine Islands will conduct further negotiations regarding the disposition of the

friars' lands in Manila. This purpose he announced in a note addressed to the Vatican to-day. While definite results have not been achieved, it is be-Heved that a broad basis for future negotiations has been laid and that ultimately the Americans will carry every point, including their demand for the renoval of the friars.

The following is, in part, Judge Taft's note to the Vatioun. It is addressed to Cardinal Rampolls, papal Secretary of State, and begins thus:

"In reply to the two notes of your Emi-

ence of June 21 and July 9, I have just received a communication from the Secretary of War, in precise and exhaustive erms, which are here produced integrally, "Secretary Root says he is glad to see by the two notes received from the Vatican

that the Hely See is animated by the best ntentions to come to an understanding with Washington about the relations between church and state in the Philippines; that our Eminence has declared the Vatican be disposed to give clear and precise in structions to the friars to occupy them-selves with religion only, abstanling entirely from politics, and that the Holy See proposes to introduce, little by little, ecclestastics of other nationalities, especially American

"Secretary Root adds that he cannot do less than acknowledge the wisdom of these propo- or a but that he must observe that they would not solve the question.

Not Unfriendly to Catholic Church. "The United States has no desire to violate the treaty of Paris, and seeks no forci-ble, but a voluntary, withdrawal of certain persons who happen to be Spaniards, and whose previous experiences in the islands had thrown them into antagonistic relations with the people and with the Catholic laity and native clergy, many of whom have left their parishes and can on-ly be reinstated by using material force, which the United States cannot permit. "This proves that the government of the Philippines has no intention to propose measures contrary to the interests of the Vatican, and, in fact, its interest in the

"If the question of withdrawal be left unsolved, now that the Washington Govern-ment has persuaded the ecclesiastical au-thorities to see the necessity of carrying out this step, the later withdrawal of the friars under order of the religious superior could not be regarded as anything but voluntary and would not violate the treaty of Paris; nor could such order be regarded as affirming or admitting of any accusations against the friars because the American Government made no such accusation. "The United States did not desire the withdrawal for itself-it was indifferent to the presence of the friars-but in the interests of the whole people of the Philip-pines, who were bitterly opposed to their

TO BE BURIED IN ST. LOUIS. To Follow Rampolla's Suggestion.
"It was thought by the generous proposal of a contract which would bind the Philippines Government to certain financial and other obligations to secure the much-longed REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jackson, Tenn., July 16.—Mrs. Jennie June
Crook, wife of Doctor Jerry L. Crook, and
daughter of the late Silas B. Jones of St.
Louis, died at her home here at 9 o'clock
this morning of pneumonia, aged 25 years.
Deceased was married in St. Louis in
April, 1888, and leaves a husband and two
children. polla's first communication of June 21,

children.
Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church here to-morrow afternoon, and remains will be carried to St. Louis, where final services will be held Friday afternoon at the Jores residence, No. 4329 Forest Park boulevard.

Doctor Crook is ex-president of West Tennessee Medical Society and a prominent physician. Mrs. Crook was a leader in club and church circles. and the amount of claims for rental have been presented by the representatives of the church to the representatives of the Phil-

ippine Government in Manila.

"As to the indemnity for the friare lands, your Eminence has pointed out the difficul-ty of computing so precipitately the exact value, but this might be done by examining the title deeds. The Washington Government will immediately order the eral commanding the forces in the Philip-pines to furnish all indications necessary to ascertain what damage has been done by military occupation. Although regretful that all the questions have not been decided definitely, the Government is glad to express satisfaction at the results ob-

Root Is Pleased With Progress. Secretary Root in his communication declares that Judge Taft's journey is quite compensated for by the fact that it is pos-sible to fix general lines on which, later, can be amicably resolved all the questions

Mennwhile, as a preliminary, he wishes Cardinal Rampolla to send to the Philip-pine government full lists of the property declared to belong to the religious orders. Secretary Root concludes by instructing Judge Taft to express to Cardinal Rampolla his pleasure that the visit of the American representatives has resulted in a broad hasis for harmonious settlement, his thanks for the courtesy shown by the Vatican to Judge Taft, and for the promptness with which the Vatican has acted, and his hopes that, though no specific agreement has been reached, the Vatican will ultimately find it just to do what has been suggested

patch I request that in the future negotia-tions on the points raised be held in Manila between an apostolic delegate and the Governor, after the information sug-gested above by Secretary Root has been ascertained and presented."

TEAPOT FRACTURED HIS SKULL.

Vessel Fell From Third Story on Walter Gaskill.

Walter Gaskill.

Walter Gaskill, 29 years old, of No. 794
North Twentieth street, is at the City Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, caused by a teapot failing on his head from a third-story window.

Gaskill was passing in front of a house at Seventeenth street and Washington avenue yesterday afternoon, when the vessel struck him. He has no idea as to whether the teapot was thrown by some one or fell out of a window by geeldent.

He was taken to the City Hospital, where his wound was dressed. His condition is not considered serious. Parker Is Elected President.

L. F. Parker, general solicitor of the Frisco System, yesterday was elected president of the construction company which is building the Arkansas and Choctaw, recently acquired by the Frisco. All officers not heretofore elected to succeed the former officers of the Arkansas and Choctaw were formally named yesterday from the officials of the Frisco. Increase of \$63,235 in Earnings. The Southern Railway comparative statement for the first week of July shows that the company earned \$41,500, against \$78,550 the corresponding week of last year, being an increase of \$53,255.

This name must appear on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, the remedy that cures a cold in one day. Ec.

ADVANCE IN ALTON CREDITED TO GATES.

Merger With Southwestern Lines.

PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT. PEOPLE GROAN UNDER TAXES. EXPECTS TO WIN EVERY POINT. THREE ROADS ARE MENTIONED.

Officials in St. Louis-General Manager McChesney Returns - Earnings.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, Ill., July 16.-John W. Gates's operations have turned to Alton and Chesa-

peake and Ohio railroad stocks, He has caused an advance of \$6 a share in the former and \$2 a share in the latter. The rapid rise of the former the last two days has created an impression that there is some big deal under way to support the making of the prices and the tremendous buying.

The chances are that Alton will be merged with Chicago Terminal and Kansas City Southern, or that they will be merged with Alton, and also the St. Louis and San Fran-

The Alton is classed as a Harriman road, The Alton is classed as a Harriman road, but whether Harriman controls it absolutely is a matter of conjecture. The fact that he has not turned it to any account by delivery to it of more traffic from the Missouri River territory that he dominates with his other roads is taken as an indication that his control is not secure.

There is intle room to develop the road through combination with other lines named. In a merger with the St. Louis and San Francisco the earnings are not large enough to justify an advance in the comin Francisco the earnings are not large sough to justify an advance in the com-

The Kansas City Southern is a road whose The Kansas City Southern is a road whose capitalization and carnings just about equal the Alton. It has in its favor a growing business, but at present its earnings show about \$100,000 on its common stock of \$50,000,000. Alton might be delivered to the Rock Island people and this presents the only possible benefit to the stock of the many rumors affoat.

B. F. Yoakum, president of the Frisco system, denied the Alton-Frisco reports yesterday. He intimated that he thought the report a stock-jobbing scheme. The St. Louis report was that he believed the Alton would make a spiential Chicago line for the Frisco, as it would make, with the Frisco, the most direct line from the Southwest to Chicago. The report also referred to the friendliness of the Harriman and Frisco interests and Mr. Yoakum's action in recently calling off his surveyors for the Pacific Coast line.

B. & O. S.-W. OFFICIALS ARRIVE. Were to Have Attended Terminal Meeting To-Day-McChesney Back. William H. Greene, vice president and general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, and I. G. Rawn, general

superintendent, of Cincinnati, arrived in St.
Louis last night and registered at the
Southern Hotel.

Mr. Greene and Mr. Rawn expected to
attend the meeting of the general managers at the timon Station to-day, and did
not receive notice of the postponement in
time. Mr. Rawn whil return to Cincinnati
to-day. Mr. Greene stated last night that
he would remain over probably until Friday, to attend President Walsh's meeting
of the Executive Committee, if that meeting is held. The report of the general managers was to have been submitted to the
Executive Committee before going before
the meeting of executives in New York the
iast of the month.

General Manager McChesney of the Terminal Association returned to St. Louis yestermay. It is expected that the plans for
terminal improvement and the Rock IslandWiggins Ferry matters will all be settled
at the New York meeting. superintendent, of Cincinnati, arrived in St.

HARRIMAN AND THE YELLOWSTONE.

Union Pacific Distributes Colored Views of the National Park. The Harriman lines are mailing thousands of sets of colored photo-eng avings of Yellowstone Park to all parts of the world exploiting the great American National Park and its wonderful natural scenery. Park and its wonderful natural scenery. The engravings are on separate cards, twelve in a set. The following scenes are shown: East Entrance of Golden Gate, Great Falls of the Yellowstone, Great Falls and Point Lookout, Morning Glory Spring, Punch Bowl Spring, Sastel Well and Castle Geyser, Crand Canyon From Grand View, Jupiter Terrace, Grand Canyon From the Brink, Old Faitnful Geyser and Cleopatra Terrace.

J. H. Lathrop, general agent at St. Louis, is distributing these cards under Union Pacific cover. The lines included in the Hatriman control West, besides the Alton, Illinois Central and Kansas City Southern, a.e.: Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railroad and Navigation, Southern Facific and Nexican International.

NEW MORGAN LINE GULF PORT. Terminals at Galveston and New Or-

leans-Mallory Line at Mobile. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 16.—The Morgan Line will begin on August 2 a new service between this port and Galveston, a move which will, it is said, seriously affect New Orieans, the Gulf terminal of the Morgan line, and the port at which all the transcontinental freight of the Southern Pacific had been handled

handled.

The agents of the line declars that they do not intend to abandon their New Orleans traffic, and that two sailings will be made from that port every week. From Gaiveston it is the intention of the company to have sailings three times a week.

It is said in connection with these changes that the Mallory Line intends to make a new terminal for its stips at Mobile, and that this port is also to be made the headquarters of the Elder-Dempster line.

line.

No confirmation of this last rumor could be had either at the office of the New York agent of the Elder-Dempster Line or at the Mallory Line offices.

MATHER TO SUCCEED LEEDS! Reported That Rock Island Change Will Be Made Next Week.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, Ill., July 16.-Rumor had it today that Robert Mather, vice president and general counsel of the Rock Island, was to Judge Taft closes his note to the Vatican thus:

"In obedience to Secretary Root's dis"In obedience to Secretary Root's disthe company here detry it.

It is generally believed that Mr. Leeds will retire from the presidency within one year and will be succeeded by W. H. Warren, his

> NEW LINES FOR ROCK ISLAND. Deal On for Shawnee and Red Fork, General Attorney Low of the Rock Island departed from St. Louis yesterday. It is believed that he is on his way to Tulsa, I. T., or that another afterney for the Rock Island system will visit that city in a few days, to effect a deal for the purchase of the Shawnee Red Fork Island and the Tulsa. Owasso and Northern.

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These two proposed lines are under the same management, with headquarters at Tulsa. Charters have been granted to both. The survey has been completed from Red Fork to Shawnee, and several miles have been graded. Its proposed northern terminus is Owasso, the terminus of the Caneyville extension of the Santa Fe. When completed from Shawnee it will give the operators an outlet north from that point of eighty-five miles.

AUSTIN BITTEN BY SPIDER. B. & O. Passenger Man Suffering From

Blood Poisoning-Cairns Is III. B. N. Austin, general passenger agent of the Baltimore and Ohio, is suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning, the result of a suider bite. Recently, while attending a meeting of the Central Passenger Asso-ciation at Cambridge Springs, he was bit-ten, and so intense was his suffering that medical aid had to be summoned during the meeting. the meeting.

C. A. Carras, arsistant general passenger agent of the Northwestern, who has been severely ill for more than two months, has gone to Colorado in the hope of recovering his health.

Rebate When Flyer Is Late.

Scruggs Vanderroort & Barney

Announce a Closing - Out Sale of Children's Dresses at Less Than Cost of Material

For tots of 6 months to 3 years, on sale in Infants' Wear Department, 2d floor, to-day. Check Ginghams, yoke of tucked

Striped Ginghams, round tucked | yoke, hemstitched ruffles, Regular price 75c, Sale Price, 50c

lawn, hemstiched ruffles, Price, 69c Regular price \$1.00, Sale

Chambray Guimpe Dress, sleeves, French Ginghams, voke of tucks and hand brier stitching, dainty embroidery, Reg. Sale \$1.19 belt and bertha trimmed in white pique. Regular price \$1.35, Price, 87c

The New S., V. & B. Bath Soaps.

"Sea Foam" Soap, made in Ger- Pine Tar Soap, our own specialty, 35e for half dozen.

many for S., V. & B., expressly for delightful for the bath and highly the bath, introduced to day; as light as a wafer, perfectly pure, makes a fine lather-7e a cake, hair, strictly hygtenic, all the virtues of the pine tar, 100 a cake.

SIS The Perfect \$3.50 Pair.

Those who wear it say that it is the The favorite summer street shoes most comfortable shoe that they are in selected vici kid, fine importhave ever worn. It is without ed patent calf and dull velour question the most durable and military or Cuban heel and London

toe hand-welted soles.

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Made for service. Prices. \$5, \$7.50 to \$16.50. light-weight Dress Suit Cases, aluminum frame. \$10 and up. We think these the best ever sold at Club Bags of real mauve leather bethe price. The \$5 one is iron bound, has patent lock patent clasps and Horn-back Alligator Bags, \$7 and

Stock and Ribbon Frames.

separate tray. A good, strong trunk. over. Standard Patterns Thin, light, cool featherboned For August include a dainty cosframes, for holding neck ribbons in tume in box plaits overlaid with place. 15c apiece.

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In silk muslin for the fashionable new ideas for thin summer gowns. transparent lace stocks, 30c.

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Solid Gold Spring, Rimless Eye Glasses,

with first quality lenses, sold\$1.75 elsewhere at \$3.00 to \$3.50...

Louisville Southern Meeting To-Day. A committe, headed by Mayor J. B. Fisher of Danville, Ky., is expected in St. Louis to-day, to confer with General Manager Spencer of the Southern Railway in regard to extending the Louisville Southern from Harrodsburg to Danville and making its Southern terminus. Mr. Spencer and A. P. Humphrey, chief attorney for the Southern Railway in Kentucky, are expected to confer with a Danville committee, also at Louisville, this week.

of the Baltimore and Ohio, including the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, for the twelve months ending June 30, as follows: Gross earnings, 351.125,787; expenses, \$22,-\$88,762; net earnings, \$18,237,025. NOTES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Illinois Central Resorts-Ramsey to The Cleveland and Buffalo Transit Company has issued a notice that the special daylight trips to depart from Cleveland at 8 a. m. and Buffalo at 9 a. m. Saturdaya, during July and August, have been canceled. Until December 1, steamers will depart from Cleveland daily at 8 p. m., central time, and from Buffalo at 8 p. m., Eastern time.

President Leeds has issued a circular, an-

p. m., Eastern time.

-President Leeds has issued a circular, announcing the resignation of H. G. Clark as general manager of the chockaw. Okiahoma and Gulf, and the abolition of that office. W. W. Wentz, Jr., has been appointed general superintendent, with office at Little Rock, Ark.

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Vandalia Shows an Increase.

Voiney T. Mailott, receiver for the Vandalia, the Pennsylvania's St. Louis line, has filed his May report. It shows increases. Cash on hand April 20 was \$85,101.11; receiver during May were 183,94.20; cash on hand May 31 was \$19,871.39. Profit in operating the T., H. & I. for the month was \$49,39.14.

Removes to Kansas City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., July 16.—The Rock Island will move the headquarters of the passenger department of the lines west of the Missouri River from Topeka to Kansas City. More than \$1,00,000 has recently been expended for land in Kansas City by the railroads centering there.

B. & O. Fiscal Year Report.

J. T. Leary, general auditor of the Baltimore and Ohlo, has issued a statement of the earnings, expenses and net earnings.

Hair-Food

Falling hair, thin hair, gray hair - starved hair. You can stop starvation with proper food. Then feed your starving hair with a hair-food-Ayer's Hair Vigor. It renews, refreshes, feeds, nourishes, restores color. Don't grow old too fast.

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